Shares of BPCL and HPCL for domestic and international market

†233. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed the percentage of shares of BPCL and HPCL to be issued in domestic and international market;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (c) The Government have decided to disinvest 34.01 % equity shares in Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) through strategic sale and 35.20% equity shares in Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) through public offer in the domestic and international market. In addtion, it has been decided to offer 5% equity shares each in both the companies through Employees Stock Purchase Scheme (ESPS) to the employees.

Differences on disinvestment

234. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government continue to be divided on the policy on disinvestment with a strong lobby objecting to the disinvestment of profit making PSUs;

(b) whether sick PSUs' only asset is the real estate on which they are located and these factors should be given the maximum weightage in the evaluation; and

(c) if so, Government's views in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) The PSUs including sick PSUs are valued using the following methods in keeping with the best market practices.

1. Discounted Cash Flow Method

2. Balance Sheet Method

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